

# The Week in Astoria Society

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Mlle. Sigrid Westerlind, the noted foreign singer, who appeared in grand concert last night at the National Association Hall and who will again be heard this evening at the same place, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wicks, of this city, during her engagement here.

After spending the summer at their pleasant cottage 'Crow's Nest,' at Seaside, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Kendall have returned to their home at Portland.

Miss Birdie Wise, daughter of Mayor and Mrs. Herman Wise, is now at Eugene, where she went for the purpose of resuming her studies at the State University for the coming school term.

Chas. Gammal, ex-chief of police of this city, left for Tokeland, Wash., last Tuesday evening, where he will hereafter be engaged in private business. As a mark of esteem a large number of his friends tendered him a farewell party at the A. O. U. W. Hall on Saturday of last week, where they all joined in wishing him unbounded success in his new venture. A splendid musical program had been arranged for the occasion and was rendered in beautiful style. Later in the evening refreshments were served those present. The feature of the affair, however, was the presentation to Mr. Gammal of a handsome gold watch chain and locket set with a diamond by Mr. Andrew Birch in behalf of the assembled guests. Mr. Gammal, in accepting the gift, made a very pleasing address of acceptance, and took occasion at that time to express his sincere regret at leaving Astoria and his many friends here, where he said he had spent the happiest time of his life.

Miss Maude Van Dusen has returned to her home in this city from Forest Grove, where she has been spending a short vacation with her grandmother, Mrs. Crang. Miss Van Dusen says she will resume her musical studies and teaching this month some time.

On next Friday afternoon Mrs. L. Kirchoff will entertain the ladies guild of Grace Church at an afternoon tea at her pleasant home on Twelfth street.

Owing to the State Fair going on at Salem the past week social events in this city were few. Many of Astoria's most prominent citizens left for the State capital throughout the week, and those who remained in the city took advantage of the pleasant weather for drives and horseback riding. A good many camping parties also spent various lengths of time at the different resorts, and everybody seemed to feel more inclined to prefer outdoor amusement.

Dr. Clara Reames yesterday left Astoria for Shepherd Springs for a short vacation. During the doctor's absence the city health office will be under the care of Dr. Nellie S. Vernon.

The afternoon tea and home cookie sale given by the ladies of the M. E. Church in the parlors of the church Friday afternoon was largely attended, and the ladies under whose management the sale was held expressed their satisfaction at its outcome from both the standpoint of a social and financial focus. A neat sum was realized.

A very enjoyable time indeed was had by the Sunday-schools of the Memorial Lutheran and First Lutheran Churches at a joint picnic held at Young's River last Tuesday afternoon. The children attended in large numbers and enjoyed a pleasant time romping to their hearts' content. Many of the youngsters were accompanied by their mothers, who added to their own pleasure by arranging games for the children.

Mrs. O. M. Sunnington and Mrs. Charles Humphreys entertained a large number of their friends at their neighboring homes on Irving avenue last Friday afternoon. Six-handed progressive euchre was the game indulged in by the forty ladies present. Both homes were beautifully decorated and presented a pretty spectacle. Mrs. Robert Carruthers was the winner of the first prize, and Mrs. Albert Kenney second. Mrs. H. W. Christensen won the consolation gift.

Mr. Albert Dunbar left the pleasures of country life behind and re-

turned home last evening from an outing of a week at Clatsop.

Mrs. P. L. Cherry returned on the noon train yesterday from a visit with friends in Portland and Hood River.

Mrs. John D. McGowan and Mrs. Albert Dunbar returned last night from a visit to the metropolis.

Misses Dorothy and Frances Dunbar returned on the Nancotta yesterday afternoon from a week's visit to McGowan with their aunt, Mrs. H. D. Thiel.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sherman, who have been taking in the State Fair, arrived home yesterday.

Mlle. Sigrid Westerlind, the famous mezzo-soprano singer who is now in the city presenting grand concerts at the National Association Hall was born in the city of Stockholm, but at a very tender age moved over to Finland, where here father, Kapellmeister A. E. Westerlind, soon became the leading violin virtuoso, and for years was the director of music at the military academy of Frederichshamm, the West Point of Finland, until suppressed by the autocrat of all the Russians. In this city was at that time also situated the Vassar College of the country, at which the young girl was graduated before being allowed to give herself up to her musical studies. Her vocal teacher became Emelie Mecklin, of the city of Helsingfors. Already after her first years of vocal study the young singer began touring the country as a soloist, accompanying and assisting her father on his professional trips. But her studies were soon pursued once more in great earnest, first with Fritz Arlberg, of Stockholm, the teacher of her namesake, so well known in this country. Mlle. Sigrid Arnoldson, then with famous Prof. Bax of Paris, and finally becoming the last artist pupil of the lamented Prof. Gustav Engel of Berlin, one of the foremost vocal teachers, critics and music historians of Germany.

Mlle. Westerlind delighted a large audience at her concert last night, and will again be heard tonight, at which time the program will be exclusively in the Finnish language.

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## "POLITICAL SCARE."

Usual Inspired Slush Sent Out From Heart Of New York.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—The stock reaction is ascribed to "A political scare" in the view of the financial district. It received added potency from being countenanced by influential capitalists who have been credited with being leaders of the operations to advance prices. E. H. Harriman's disavowal of many rumors regarding his properties and plans had the same effect. Shrinkage in earnings in connection with large capital expansion caused unfavorable views of dividend prospects of railroads, especially the Hill properties and St. Paul. Slowness of recovery in the iron trade was emphasized and copper declined. Banking reserves in New York are declining and anxiety over the final outcome of the crops is not yet over.

## GOT HIMSELF INTO IT.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—Word was received at the State Department yesterday from American Minister Dodge at Salvador is that Leroy Cannon, an American citizen, is being tried at Cholutrea, Honduras. He is charged with being implicated in Honduras revolutionary movements. Mr. Dodge says he is assured Cannon is receiving proper treatment and a fair trial.

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## ODD USES FOR FISH.

The Makes a Good Barometer, Another a Weathercock.

Fishes have been put to many queer uses while still alive, but probably the strangest was that suggested to the war department by an inventor. The propulsion of submarine torpedoes was the subject under discussion, and he proposed that a shark be imprisoned in a tube at the rear end of the projectile, its movements to be controlled by the active application of electricity. In case the shark attempted to swim away it was to be given an electric shock and in this way kept on its course until the torpedo had reached its target.

Another remarkable use to which a fish has been put is as a barometer. The leach is very susceptible to atmospheric changes, and when retained in an aquarium is likely to throw itself out at the approach of or during any remarkable change of wind or weather, or if in a pond or stream will sometimes jump on the bank. It has been kept alive in aquaria as a living barometer from the supposition that certain movements indicate particular changes that are about to occur in the weather. In Russia the dead body of Cottus gobio, the miller's thumb, is used as a weathercock. Hung by a single thread, it will point to the direction whence the wind blows.—Minneapolis Journal.

## MULES OF MEXICO.

They Are Even More Knowing Than Our Own Mule Brand.

"Everybody knows that all mules are brainy, but the mules of old Mexico have something on other mules for a sort of prescience of their own," said a man who has spent many years in the neighboring republic. "A Mexican mule will do just so much work and not a blamed bit more.

"The riding mule, for instance, is fully aware of the distance, down to a rod, he is supposed and required to traverse in the progress of one traveling day, and all the sharp sticks or goads or dynamite on earth won't get him to do a bit more than what he knows to be the correct distance. The Mexicans have got a peculiar saying in connection with this characteristic of the Mexican mule. You ask a Mexican, for instance, how far it is by mule back to such and such a point.

"Two days' journey if you are not rushed, but three days if you are in a hurry," the Mexican will reply.

"His meaning is that if you don't ask more of your mule than you should ask of him, the mule will be able to make the trip in two days. But if you attempt to drive the brute he'll soldier on you, and in consequence the journey will take you three days."—Exchange.

## The Deceased Wife's Sister.

The law against marrying a deceased wife's sister, which caused so much discussion in England, grew out of the ancient tribal law forbidding a father to sell more than one daughter to the same man when the Briton was emerging from polygamy and when for 21 shillings of the present money a man might dismiss his wife or kill her if she would not go. As civil law it was to protect the living wife and kilt tribes closer together by intermarriage. When ecclesiastical law became supreme a misreading of some Scripture text was used to put the sister of a man's wife among the prohibited degrees of relationship. This was the act of 1541 (32 Henry VIII): "A man may not marry his deceased wife's sister or her daughter, but he may marry his first cousin."—London Standard.

## Brittle Lizards.

Some kinds of lizards break in two when suddenly startled. In the bush in Australia the traveler often comes across a number of these little silvery reptiles basking on a log or piece of old bark. As soon as they perceive the invader there is a great commotion. They dart hither and thither so quickly that the eye can scarcely follow their movements. The effects of the shock are evident from the quantity of wriggling tails lying about which have been cast off in the hurry, while the mutilated owners may be seen scurrying away to safety still wagging the stumps that remain.

## Density of City Population.

Although there is a certain area of about three and a half acres on Manhattan Island where the density of population is at the rate of 680,000 to the square mile, yet the city of Paris shows a far greater average density of population than New York, the figures for Paris being 79,300 a square mile and for New York city proper 40,000 a square mile. The average density of London's population is 37,000 a square mile and that of Berlin 67,600.—Federation Review.

## A Cheerful Soul.

Creditor (determinedly)—I shall call at your house every week until you pay this account, sir. Debtor (in the blandest of tones)—Then, sir, there seems every probability of our acquaintance ripening into friendship.—London Tit-Bits.

## The Famous Four.

Each of the following named gentlemen, upon being out late with the boys, has concocted a famous excuse and, what is more wonderful, got away with it. They are: Jonah, Ulysses, Rip Van Winkle, Robinson Crusoe.—Judge.

## A Quicker Way.

Young Minister (searching for mirror)—Have you a glass here? Beadle—Na, na, sir; we dhna need a glass. We jist tak' a sook out o' th' bottle.—London Tatler.

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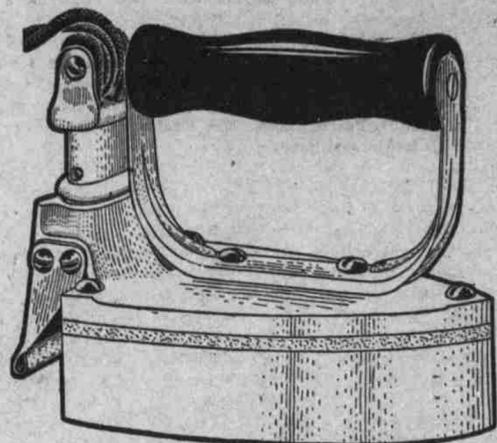
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